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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [X] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. 10/169,915.

1a. [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application, or

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- (2)  the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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3. [X] Consideration of the following list of co-pending U.S. application is requested. Each application listed below contains the identical disclosure as the above-identified U.S. application (i.e., 10/615,799), and therefore, only the current set of claims for the following applications are being submitted herewith.

- a. Co-pending Application No. 10/169,915, filed on July 11, 2002
- b. Co-pending Application No. 10/445,796, filed on May 28, 2003
- c. Co-pending Application No. 10/446,018, filed on May 28, 2003
- d. Co-pending Application No. 10/807,354, filed on March 24, 2004
- e. Co-pending Application No. 10/807,389, filed on March 24, 2004

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
  - a.  a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
  - b.  a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
  - c.  the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
  - d.  the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e.  the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5.  A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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